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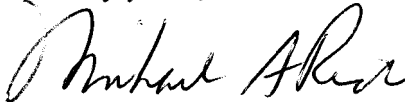
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To whom it may concern:

I currently serve as one of five Commissioners for St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1 (the Fire District). My board position is appointed by the City of Slidell. I am also a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ and advisor with LPL Financial. The Fire District's attorney, Mr. Troy Ingram, holds a retirement account with my firm, for which I am the advisor. Also, as a Commissioner, I am responsible for periodically evaluating Mr. Ingram's performance as our board attorney and for making recommendations concerning his continued employment with the Fire District.

I am requesting a Board of Ethics Advisory Opinion on my situation. Specifically, I would like to know if I can continue as a Commissioner, given my relationship with Mr. Ingram. Also, if I can continue in my position, must I recuse myself in matters concerning his performance evaluations and recommendations for employment with the Fire District?

Sincerely yours,



Michael A. Rich
Commissioner, St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

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